

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN RE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY
AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE LITIGATION

MDL No. 1456

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

CIVIL ACTION: 01-CV-12257-PBS

ALL ACTIONS

Judge Patti B. Saris

**PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY ON THE SCOPE OF THE
NOVEMBER 6 TRIAL**

Plaintiffs submit the decision in *State of New York v. Pharmacia Corp., et al.* as supplemental authority on the scope of the trial (attached hereto). Plaintiffs have suggested that such a trial focus on and be conducted on a start to finish of Class 2. The Court in the *State of New York v. Pharmacia* held that knowledge has no relevance to a statutory reimbursement based claim:

Further, defendants also contend that, if they can prove that the state agencies knew that the reported “average wholesale prices” were not the actual prices paid, plaintiff’s claims must fail. This argument fails. Reimbursement is based solely upon statutory formulae over which the agencies have no discretion or control. The agencies’ understanding of what “average wholesale price” constituted is thus irrelevant.

Id. at 6. In Class 2, where TPPs must pay based on such a formula, knowledge is not relevant to liability under § 93.¹ The *State of New York* decision is supportive of having the Class 2 trial focus on statutory reimbursement issues.

¹ Plaintiffs acknowledge the Court deems knowledge relevant to limitations issues; however, the scope of that knowledge issue as a limitations defense presents a far different inquiry than the expectation or market behavior knowledge issues applicable to Class 3.

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